

DECATUR, ILLINOIS.
Monday Evening, April 10.

The Peoria Transcript says that a lady at Lexington, Mass., has the barrel of the gun from which the first shot was fired in the first battle in the Revolutionary war, and also that a man in Whiteville county, in this State, has the barrel of the same gun. Can't somebody supply the lock and stock of this interesting relic?

AND now the dancing question has got into the Masonic order in Iowa. The point in dispute is, whether dancing should be allowed at Masonic festivals and other entertainments given under the auspices of that order. The Grand Master of the State holds that dancing should not be allowed, and has suspended two prominent officers for insubordination, and an appeal has been taken from his action to the Grand Lodge.

SOME people seem to suppose that the party in power is responsible for the condition of business in the country, and whenever hard times come they are loud in their denunciations of the party that happens to be in office. Yet as a matter of fact, political parties have very little to do with the business of the country. Business derangements are caused by influences over which the party in power has no control. During the existence of the Republican party, the best times the country ever knew has been experienced, and also during the time this party has been in power, great business derangements have existed. Probably the same would have been true under any other party, and the States where the Democratic party is in power, the same financial depression exists as in those States where the Republican party has the control.

THE final acceptance by both political parties in Louisiana of the compromise adjustment of the Congressional committee is an event of considerable political importance. It involves the unseating of some members of the legislature, who have claimed seats, the putting of others in their places, and the formal recognition of the Kellogg government, with a pledge to render the Governor "all necessary and legitimate support in maintaining the laws and in advancing the peace and prosperity of the State." This resolution was adopted by a large majority of both parties. The unseated members gracefully acquiesced in the arrangement, making frank and manly speeches on their retirement from the House, and expressing the hope that the adjustment would be carried out in good faith. Singularly enough, one of the unseated members, a colored man, was succeeded by his former master, and in his radiatory remarks the former said he withdrew with more pleasure because the man who was to take his seat owned him in former days, and was an honorable and worthy gentleman. A general spirit of conciliation seems to have been manifested, and the compromise is regarded as an accomplished fact. It is possible, therefore, that the State of Louisiana is about entering on a new and better condition than it has enjoyed heretofore. If both parties adhere to this compromise and submit their differences heretofore to the uncorrupted ballot-box, and if the conservative forces of the State will follow all men, black and white, and vote for the peace and prosperity of the State, Louisiana will have made a grand advance towards a truer and better civilization.

THE Peoria Transcript (Ind.) says has the following editorial:

"The financial difficulties that have surrounded the Toledo, Wabash & Western Railway for some years are likely soon to be relieved. A meeting of the stockholders has been called, at which time it is expected arrangements will be made to relieve it at once of the floating debt that is pressing it. The mystery has been how the road could have become so entangled, doing the immense business it did. President Cox has the confidence of the Company and its creditors, and it is possible to relieve the road of its pressing liabilities, for a time, thus allowing the bondholders to be determined to foreclose, but what consolation there is for them we do not know."

DURING February and March the whisky tax considerably increased the revenue receipts, but they are now reported to be fast falling down to the usual average. The Commissioner of Internal Revenue thinks the distilleries will exhaust their supply of whisky that came under the old tax, by the end of the current fiscal year, after which the increased tax will considerably augment the revenues of the Government.

LOW PRICES PAY BEST.

It took the government of the United States a long time to learn that its post office department would be more nearly self-supporting with postage at three cents per letter than it would be with the rate at five cents. Experience, however, has demonstrated the fact that low rates of postage yield a larger aggregate income than high rates, and the rule will apply equally well to other branches of business. It has been contended by the best authors on the subject of railway management that low rates of fare would pay better returns to stockholders than rates which amount to a practical embargo upon travel. The principle of controlling the great through lines have been slow to give the theory a practical test. However, a great reformer in railway management, the late John W. Garrett, president of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Company, has triumphantly proven the truth of the proposition, that profitable returns to stockholders in railroad corporations can be most certainly secured by placing the tariff of rates at the lowest possible figure. The railway war which has been going on for the past two months has attracted the attention of the whole country, and the overburdened people have been anxiously asking whether the champion of low rates would be able to make a success of his scheme. It will be a source of the greatest gratification, therefore, to the people of the west especially, to learn that President Garrett has, in the space of two short months, most triumphantly vindicated the feasibility of his theory, as will be seen by the following despatch:

WASHINGTON, April 15.—At the monthly meeting of the directors of the Baltimore and Ohio Road, President Garrett made the following statements in regard to the results of the contest with the Pennsylvania Road, in connection with the declaration of the semi-annual cash dividend of five per cent, on the main stem and on the western branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Company. "I congratulate you," said he, "upon the splendid and singularly satisfactory results of the hostilities waged by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company against this company. We have returned of the earnings of the month of March, during the whole of which the efforts of the Pennsylvania Company to injure our interests were made in their highest ability, and the result shows an increase in the gross earnings of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad for that month over the same month in 1874, of \$103,473. Notwithstanding the largely diminished charge for passengers, results show an increase of revenue upon the main stem from this source of 45 per cent. The earnings of the Chicago division are also shown to be \$100,024, being an increase of over 50 per cent, upon the revenue of the preceding month. These developments of this controversy have proven to be of the highest importance, not only to railway companies in general, but to the leading interests of the country. Parties connected with the Pennsylvania road cry aloud against the alleged ruin brought by the Baltimore and Ohio Company on the railway interests of the country. But, gentlemen, it is the Pennsylvania Company that is responsible for these low prices. They established these unremunerative rates for the purpose of driving the Baltimore and Ohio road from its policy of independence, and the results will show the famous hero of La Mancha produced as much effect on the windmill as President Scott will produce by his reckless action upon the thoughtfully considered and well established policy of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company. Let the battle go on. Already consumers and producers in all parts of the United States have had their attention directed to the economic of Baltimore and its ample supplies of goods of every description at the lowest prices, and to the fact that it has a great line of railway absolutely determined, as it has comparatively and assuredly the power, to maintain at all times moderate rates for transportation of imports and exports to and from the port of Baltimore. This determination is based upon wise and just principles, and will result in enforcing its policy, which will make the entire country appreciate that Baltimore presents another great and economical port on the Atlantic, with vast and increasing advantages, and furnishes the cheapest and best entrepot for large sections of the south and southwest, west and north-west."

At the close of a long review of the contest, a resolution was unanimously adopted approving of the maintenance of the policy of the company by President Garrett.

COL. BUCKMASTER AND E. M. HAINES.—The Chicago Journal resurrects the following good story:

In 1863, or thereabouts, when Colonel Sam Buckmaster was Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives, K. M. Haines was a member on the floor. Haines was becoming an intolerable nuisance, and Buckmaster felt the necessity of shutting him up. He took Haines to one side: "Now, you know we must have order in this House," "Oh, yes, certainly," said Haines. "Yes, and by—I'm Speaker," replied Sam, "and you're a nuisance, and I'll keep you quiet if I have to use a shot gun for a gavel."

TELEGRAPHIC.

3 O'CLOCK P. M.
Change in the Penitentiary Board.

Attempted Murder and Suicide.

Movements of the President.

"The Day We Celebrate."

Mr. Low on the War Path.

Injury to the Fruit Crop.

Boston Mass., April 17.—The President abandoned the visit to Beacon Park, and gave a private reception till late hour, receiving the citizens generally. At noon the Presidential party were driven to the State-house, passing through a file of cadets. The company upon entering the building was ushered into the Executive chamber, and presented to Governor Gaston, the members of the Council, and the State officials, when they proceeded to the Senate chamber, where the President was formally introduced, and from there they entered the House of Representatives, where a similar introduction was made.

The banquet at the Parker House, today, given by the Commercial Club, in honor of the President and his Cabinet, was a grand affair. One hundred and twenty six guests were present, Alex. H. Rice, president of the club, presiding. President Grant, Secretaries Robinson, Belden, Fish and Dole, and Postmaster-General Jewell, were present, and a number of local celebrities.

CONCORD, April 17.—President Grant arrived this evening, and drove to the residence of Judge Hoar, whose guest he will be while in town. A Pullman train of four cars arrived from St. Albans with General Peck and other State officials, and the Kansas Guards with the St. Albans Brigade Band and a delegation of citizens. The town is thronged with visitors.

SPRINGFIELD, April 17.—Major J. W. Wham was officially decorated this morning by the Governor, and he is now an ex-Commissioner of the State Penitentiary, the Governor having appointed and commissioned Colonel R. D. Noleman as Commissioner of the State Penitentiary, vice J. W. Wham, removed. Colonel Noleman is an old and honored resident of Centralia, Marion county, and is a man of fine business experience and sterling integrity. He has filled a number of honorable and responsible positions, among which was that of U. S. Collector of Revenue for his district.

The appointment of Col. Noleman will give great satisfaction to the people of Southern Illinois, and will add to the efficiency and strength of the Board of Commissioners.

NEW ORLEANS, April 17.—In the legislature the House completed organization by electing Trezvant clerk, and other Conservative officers. In the Senate the terms of the award were carried out by unseating Eliaz, Democrat, and by seating F. S. Goode, Democrat, in the place of Crozier, colored Republican. A joint resolution recognizing the Kellogg government was adopted, and the day's session closed. During the day's session the bill for the form bills were introduced.

ROCK ISLAND, Ill., April 17.—A marriage engagement between Charles D. Wood and Helen Davis, both of Chicago, terminated this morning. Wood, who was married to Miss Davis four years ago, and who it seems, has shown a disposition to desert her, and has accepted the attentions of A. W. Hastie, another young man in the city, had notified her by letter of his feelings, and threatened to obtain vengeance by shooting her if she did not desert in going with the other fellow. She did not comply with his request. At a ball in the city last evening, the trio met, the young lady in the company of Hastie. Wood remained silent till the close of the dance, about three o'clock, when the couple were returning home. He followed them a few blocks, and at an unexpected moment pulled a revolver at the young lady's head and fired. The ball struck a heavy bunch of hair, and glanced into her neck not seriously injuring her. Wood turned and ran away, but before getting out of sight, was shot after by Hastie, none of his shots taking effect. A party at once went in pursuit of Wood, who was found a couple of blocks away, lying on his face, dead, with a bullet through his brain. The verdict of the jury was that he came to his death by a pistol shot in the brain inflicted by himself. Both of the brains are counted among the best society of Moline.

Boston, April 18.—A tremendous flood occurred last evening in the towns of Westham and Norfolk, by the bursting of a dam on Mill river. Its source is Whilom's pond; an immense body of water was thus confined in the pond, and the bursting of the dam flooded the country below, sweeping away mills, bridges, and taking everything in its course, causing damages of from \$100,000 to \$200,000. Half a mile below, it burst a thirty foot dam, carrying a grist mill away.

Further down, the flood carried away portions of the dam belonging to the woolen mills; also washing away an immense quantity of coal belonging to the mills. The track of the New England and New York railway, having a distance of 200 feet. About 50 rods below the City Cotton Mills, the main building of which was swept away, several bridges were washed out.

LEXINGTON, Mass., April 18.—The inaugural exercises of the great Centennial Celebration began here this evening. An address was made by Rev. Wm. Adams of New York. There was a great chorus and military band. The town hall was crowded, and the exercises were very impressive. The town is decorated with masts, flags, banners, etc.

Every ancient land-mark is denoted by mottoes and inscriptions. A cent stands at the right of the middle cross, and the seventy emblematic farmstead, and directly opposite are the gross headquarters in a house which dates its erection previous to the 19th of April, 1775.

BOSTON, April 18.—Centennial services were held at the Old North Church to-night, the building being elaborately decorated. Lanterns on the steeple commemorated the story of Paul Revere's Ride. Addresses were made by prominent citizens, and a distinguished audience was present.

THE Peoria National Democrat seems to be about the only paper left which is afflicted with the "third term mania." Its editor can hardly "sleep at night," his mind is worried over the matter, and recently he has discovered, what to his benighted brain seems proof positive that Gen. Grant has decided to gobble up the Presidential chair for another four years. He says: "About a year ago the President proposed to build a large private residence on the corner of Vermont and P streets. The plans were all made, when suddenly the order for the house was revoked. Some ladies calling upon Mrs. Grant, the other day, asked her the reason, why the new house plan was given up. 'Oh,' said Mrs. Grant, 'our present quarters well suit us well enough. This seemed to express the idea that the Grant family expect to remain in the White House for some time to come.' In view of the fact that President Grant has almost two years to stay in the White House, it is not unreasonable to suppose that he may yet finish his proposed new house in time to move into it at the expiration of his term, should he delay the work for another year, and perhaps Mrs. Grant enjoying gaudy life like the Democratic man, and hence occasionally drops a playful remark simply to see how eager foolish people are to bite. Our advice to friend Dowdall is that he keeps cool. It is a long time yet before it will be decided who shall occupy the White House after the 4th of March, 1877, and it is hardly necessary to get into a sweat over the matter so long before-hand."

It is stated that between two or three millions of dollars in silver will be coined at the United States mint during the present month. This is for the purpose of carrying into effect the clause of the late finance bill that provides for the substitution of silver in place of our present fractional currency. Opinions differ widely as to the success of the measure.

ILLINOIS is to have a Democratic Governor for a season. Gov. Beveridge will shortly take a trip to the East, and during his absence Hon. A. A. Glen, the Democratic President of the Senate, will be acting Governor.

St. Louis, April 17.—Dispatches from the track of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad, show that the train east of Lakin, Kansas, on Monday morning, April 15, was delayed by a fire north of Fort Scott. The fire started in a brush pile, and after going about twenty miles, the Indians broke in small parties. It is not improbable that this is the party that left the Cheyenne agency some days after the fight with the military there, but their number is doubtless exaggerated.

Mules for Sale.—Any persons wishing to buy nice three and four years' old mules, will consult their interest by calling at the Livestock Stable of Caldwell Brothers, on West Main street, Decatur, Jan. 30, '75-dawtf.

New Advertisements.
OPERA HOUSE!
Monday and Tuesday
April 19th and 20th.
DR. HEALEY'S
HIBERNIAN GEMS!
85 Beautiful Views 85
OLD IRELAND
Showing her beautiful cities and churches, magnificent ruins and every place of interest in the Emerald Isle, faithfully and truthfully portrayed by the
Irish Comedy Company.
Headed by Ireland's own Comedian, Mr. Dan Morris.
As Barney the Guide and Dublin Dan, Miss Rose O'Reilly.
Mrs. O'Reilly's Favorite Songster, Miss Josie Morris.
The Dear Little Shamrock, Miss Nora O'Brien.
The Most Popular Little Irish Collection, Mr. Richard Devlin.
Character Actor and Vocalist, Master Charles Boyce.
Song and Dance Wonders, Prof. White.
Musical Director, Dr. John E. Henry.
Lecturer and Tourist, Making one of the most enjoyable Irish entertainments ever given in this city.
ADMISSION—50 cents. Reserved Seats, 75 cents. Children, 25 cents. A whole family Reserved Seats for sale at W. R. Ashby's Jewelry Store.
MATINEE TUESDAY, AT 2 O'CLOCK.
Dr. JOHN E. HEALEY, Sole Proprietor.
J. T. Moore, Business Manager.
April 18-19

FOR SALE!
THE undersigned offers for sale his residence No. 20 South Green street, Decatur, two blocks south of the third ward school house. The lot contains one acre, the improvements on which are a substantial frame house, with four rooms, together with other outbuildings. The lot is well set in fruit trees, all in bearing.
For terms inquire upon the premises.
April 19, 1875-dawtf.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE.
THE PARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between the undersigned, under the firm name of J. W. Adams & Co., was dissolved on the 1st day of April, 1875, M. G. Gill retiring from the firm. All those indebted to the firm will please call at the old stand and settle the same without delay.
J. W. ADAMS & CO.
M. G. GILL

RUFUS G. CROCKER
No. 9 WATER ST.
Has a Very Full and

Complete Stock
NEW, CHOICE GOODS
HARDWARE,
NAILS,
GLASS,
CARPENTERS' TOOLS

COOK STOVES!
To Suit All Classes.
CHEAP FOR CASH.

NOTICE.
OFFICE OF THE T. & C. RY. CO.,
No. 20 NASSAU ST. NEW YORK.
April 10th, 1875.

LOOK AT OUR SIXTY CENT FRENCH CORSET!
ALL KINDS OF NOTIONS.
The motto of this House is—"THE LOWEST PRICES IN THE MARKET FOR THE QUALITY." Call and see if this is not so.

NO. 24 MERCHANT STREET.
March 11, 1875-dawtf

SPECIAL LATE AUCTION
HAYS & BRUCE
SEE OUR NEW SPRING PRINTS.
SEE OUR NEW SPRING CHLITZ, at 15c.
SEE OUR NEW ELEGANT EMBROIDERIES,
(Beautiful patterns and very cheap.)
See the Inducements we are offering

TABLE LINENS, TOWELS, NAPKINS, CRASHES
&c., &c., AT THE LOWEST PRICES
We bought largely, in January, of Bleached and Brown Sheetings, and Shirtings, Tickings, Denims, Ducks, Checks, Chevies, &c. The goods are in, and we will GIVE YOU THE BENEFIT OF JANUARY PRICES ON THEM

We have another Case of the same BLACK ALPACAS and MOHAIRS, the BEST GOODS THAT WERE EVER IN THE CITY FOR THE PRICE. Do not fail to see them.
We will take pleasure in showing you
HAYS & BRUCE.
March 16, 1875-dawtf.

NEW SPRING GOODS
S. EINSTEIN
Has returned with new
SPRING AND SUMMER
DRESS GOODS,
BLACK ALPACAS,
PLAIN AND COLORED SILKS.
(All shades.)
—New shade of—
LUSTERS!
Also, a full line of
TRIMMING SILKS.

Our stock of WHITE GOODS, MARSEILLES, PERCALES, cannot be surpassed in any market. We also have a full line of Notions; latest styles of Ladies' and Gents' TIES, RUCHES, RIBBONS, in plain, plaid and embroidered.
A complete line of HOSIERY for Ladies and Gents.
A full line of CORSETS, from 50c up.

He has all to call and examine his Stock. He will offer extra inducements for the next Thirty Days, in all Departments. By calling, you will see he is determined not to be undersold.
DON'T FORGET THE PLACE.
No. 24 NORTH WATER STREET.
March 20, 1875-dawtf.

KEYSTONE CARRIAGE WORKS!
WAYNE BROTHERS,
CARRIAGES, BUGGIES, OMNIBUSES,
PEDDLING AND SPRING WAGONS.
OLD STAND OF DANIEL GARMAN,
Corner Water and Cerro Gordo-Sts.

Platform Carriages built to order. FINE PHETONS, PRINCE ALBERTS, PIANOS and COAL BOX BUGGIES, SULKY and LIGHT ROAD WAGONS, of all kinds. Always up to the times, and guarantee all work to be first-class. All kinds of Sleighs Made to Order!
FANCY PAINTING A SPECIALTY.
November 17, 1873. daw-3m.

SPECIAL.
A. A. COOPER
—IS OFFERING—
New Spring Goods!
VERY CHEAP.

His stock of Bleached and Brown Sheetings and Shirtings, Prints, Table Linens, (Turkey, Damask and Napkins to match), Crashes, Tickings, Denims, Ducks, Drills, Shirting, Checks and Chevies, Gingham, and Dress Goods of all kinds.

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The Daily Republican
Monday Evening, April 19.

THE DAILY REPUBLICAN will be delivered to subscribers in any part of the city, at the rate of One Cent per Week.
Local Notices will be inserted at Two Cents per line for the first insertion, and one cent per line for each subsequent insertion. Rates for time advertisements will be furnished upon application to the office.

TO DAILY SUBSCRIBERS.
We would be much obliged if our subscribers would inform the carrier at what place they desire their papers to be sent.

CITY DEPARTMENT.
Farmers are plowing again to-day.
Flor de Fumar cigars, at Kepler's.
Frog and Toad, at Kepler's.
Roads are getting comfortably smooth for buggy riding.
Inboden & Co. receive fresh fruits and vegetables every day.
The sound of cirruses and hippodromes is heard in the theaters.
Frank E. Aiken at the opera house on the 20th inst.
All kinds of garden seeds, at Nierdemer's.
The Sabbath Schools of the city were fully attended yesterday.
Women and boys are highly tickled with the improvement in the weather.
Genuine potatoes, at Newell & Hammer's.
It is supposed that small fruits were generally killed by the late hard freeze in this part of the State.
A full line of Irish Goods, just received at Einstein's.
Two boxes of new sidewalk have been laid on Main street.
Selected flowers by Mrs. Waughan, at Stapp's Emporium, to-night. Admission only 25 cents.
Stoy & Bishop keep a full line of new furniture and house-keeping goods. If you wish cheap, fresh and evergreens, from the best of

W. W. DAVIS, Decatur, Ill.
A. A. Einstein has sold out his grocery store on South Main street to H. F. May & Co.
Water pipes are to be laid from W. F. Bushler's residence, on the corner of Edward and South Main streets, one block south to E. R. Eldridge's dwelling, and thence east to Elm street.
All kinds of salted and pickled fish at D. M. Barnett & Co's.
The old brick residence which has for so many years occupied the site at the corner of North Main and Franklin streets, is now among the things that were, and a fine business block is to take its place. Thus the old landmarks of the city are gradually disappearing, and in a few years the changes that will have taken place will put the town beyond recognition on the part of those who know it ten years ago, and may have visited it during the intervening time.
For best steel pens, go to I. J. Davis & Co's.
Hosiery, gloves, trimmings, ribbon jewelry, and all kinds of notions and fancy goods cheaper at Goldberg's than any place in the city. 19-dawtf

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Pills will cure a cough in one-half time necessary to cure it with any medicine, and it does it, not by dry up, but by removing the cause—the irritation and healing the affected part. For all cases of Laryngitis, Hoarseness, Suppression or Loss of Voice, Bronchitis, Severe Chronic or Lingering Cough, it will be found to surpass any medicine that has ever before been offered to the public. It is sold by all dealers in medicines. 13-dawtf

Pike, the Jeweler, keeps the Spectacles in the city, and sells at a reasonable price. (Sept 1874)

